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No. SIN/321/17/12

31 January, 2013

Shri V.P. Saini,  
President,  
Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch,  
Netaji Model School Complex,  
ROPAR,  
Punjab 140 001

Dear Shri Saini,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 14.12.2012 addressed to the High Commissioner, Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan.

It was our pleasure to host the delegation from the Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch in October, 2012. We thank you for giving us an opportunity to meet and have interactions with the delegation members and relatives of Netaji.

Kindly feel free to write to us if the High Commission can be of any assistance in your research work.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Vanaja K. Thekkat*

(Vanaja K. Thekkat)  
First Secretary &  
Head of Chancery

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14/12/12

His Excellency Dr. T.C.A. Raghvan,

High Commissioner of India,

SINGAPORE.

Subject : Thanks for reception at the residence.

Your Excellency Dr. T. C. A. Raghvan,

Jai Hind.

Plach  
Honor Mr. 28/11

May I express our heart felt gratitude to Your Excellency and the Government of India for giving our delegation of Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch a warm reception at your residence. It was a rare privilege to be invited to your residence and that too in the context of the Foundation Day Celebrations of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind founded by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The presence of Mrs Raghvan, Ambassador K. Kesavapany, I.N.A. Veteran Girish Kothari, Ms.Nilanjana Sen Gupta and others added to the glow and glitter of the occasion.

We are extremely grateful to Your Excellency and The Government of India for showing respect to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and commemorating the great historical event i.e. the Foundation day of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind. We appreciate the efforts made by Your Excellency for high lighting the activities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and I.N.A., and also for high lighting the places and events related with them.

The discussion and informal interaction which followed was very educative, informative, assuring and inspiring. We shall anxiously look forward to your initiative to bring on the tourist map the places related to Netaji and I.N.A..

Singapore being the Karma Bhoomi of Netaji and the 'Gangotri' of Azad Hind Movement in South East Asia, there is need and scope for more research and

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rewriting more informative, authentic and analytical history. We shall look forward to your help and co-operation in procuring information and documents related to

Indian Independence League, the Indian National Army and the Azad Hind Movement. We assure full cooperation from our side for this noble historical mission which can ultimately revive and strengthen nationalism in India.

Once again expressing our heart felt gratitude, specially to Mrs Raghvan,

Your's sincerely,

V.P.Saini

President, Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch,

Netaji Model School Complex, ROPAR.

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His Excellency Mr. T. C. A. Raghavan,

The High Commissioner of India,

Singapore.

Subject : Celebrations of the Foundation Day of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind at Singapore.

Your Excellency,

Jai Hind.

You may be pleased to learn that to commemorate the historical event of the proclamation of the foundation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1943, Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch has resolved to organize a Pilgrimage to Singapore from 19<sup>th</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The main programs will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

To salute the land from where the movement of Azad Hind started, to express gratitude to the people and the country which hosted and supported Netaji during the most crucial and decisive period of India's freedom struggle, to pay tributes to those I.N.A. soldiers who laid down their lives for the liberation of the country, the followers of Netaji from India and some other countries have decided to visit Singapore. The celebrations will include ceremonies at the venue of Cathay Hall (now a mall), I.N.A. War Memorial, some religious ceremonies at religious places in accordance with the Indian culture, some seminar in some school or at any other place, and a few other activities. It will help in not only reviving the memory of the great historical event but also involving and associating the local people in it.



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The delegation is likely to comprise of, besides others, Sh. Subratta Bose (Ex M.P.) and the nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his daughter Mrs Shreya; Mr. Chandra Bose , s/o Sh. Amiya Nath Bose, & his wife ; Mr.Ashish Ray, the Bureau in Chief, CNN, from London; Mr.D.N.Bose, nephew of Netaji; Prof. Jagmohan Singh, the nephew of Shaheed-e-Aazam Sardar Bhagat Singh; Mr. Prabhakar Das, the nephew of Mr. A. Yellappa, the Advisor in the Government of Azad Hind, and his wife; Mr. Aadil Shah Nawaz Khan, the grand son of General Shah Nawaz Khan (I.N.A.), Red Fort Trial Hero;; Mrs Poornima Dhillon the daughter-in-law of Col.G.S.Dhillon (I.N.A.), Red Fort Trial Hero. There will be more than twenty five members of the delegation.

May I very humbly request your honor to send us a message for the souvenir being published on this occasion. The message will not only be a tribute to Netaji and his INA but also inspire millions of people not only in India but throughout the world to follow the path shown by the legendry revolutionary hero Netaji.

We cannot organize a program at Singapore without your patronage and involvement. We look forward to your blessings,cooperation and involvement in the organization of this historic and patriotic program. I am planning to visit Singapore during the last week of September or first week of October. I would like to meet Your Excellency to explain in person the whole program and extend invitation for it.

Please give me an appointment for this purpose. I shall feel highly obliged for this favor.

With the greatest regards,

Your's sincerely,

V.P.Saini

President, Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch





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- 1 V.P. SAINI LEADER OF THE DELEGATION
- 2 MR. G.R. SHIVSHANKAR DEPUTY LEADER OF THE DELEGATION
- 3 MR CHANDRA BOSE ; grandson of Ne
- 4 MRS USHA MENON BOSE
- 5 MR D.N. BOSE ; family menors
- 6 MR PRABHAKAR DAS } A. Yellappa, sister's son
- 7 MRS SUJAYA PRABHAKAR }
- 8 MRS POORNIMA DHILLON — daughter in-law - Col. Dhillion
- 9 MRS KALPANA SAINI
- 10 MR KRANTI SAINI
- 11 MISS BHARTI SAINI
- 12 MR. SANKALAP SAINI
- 13 MR MANMOHAN KHANNA
- 14 MR SAMEER WALIA
- 15 MR SMARAN SHIVSHANKAR
- 16 MR V.C. SHEKAR
- 17 MR.K.S. BALASUBRAMANYAM
- 18 MRS K.G. GEETHA
- 19 MR. B. G. JAGDEESHA
- 20 MR. G. GOWREESH
- 21 MR. INDERJIT SINGH
- 22 MR. KAMALJIT SINGH

INA family members.

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Informal Tea at residence – 5.30 pm, 22.10.2012

## 1-22 Members of the delegation

23. Mr. Sayantan Dasgupta, ESPN
24. Amb. K. Kesavapany —
25. Ms. Rinkoo Bhounik
26. Prof. Tobias Rettig
27. Ms. Nilanjana Sengupta
28. Mr. Iswar Nahappan
29. Mr. Asadul<sup>Iqbal</sup> Latif — confirmed
30. Mr. Kishore Bhattacharya, INA Veteran - Regretted —
31. Mr. Bala, INA Veteran — not able to contact
32. Mr. Girish Kothari, INA Veteran —
33. Mr. Tsewang Namgyal, DHC
34. Dr. Nitish Birdi, FS(Cons)
35. Mrs. Vanaja K. Thekkat, FS & HOC

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Bharti S. Bhatnagar

**From:** Vanaja K Thekkat [hoc@hcisingsingapore.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 2:04 PM  
**To:** sayantan1974@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** 'Bharti S. Bhatnagar'  
**Subject:** Visit of delegation from Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch

Mr Sayantan Dasgupta,  
Singapore

SIN/321/17/12  
25/09/12

Dear Mr Dasgupta,

Kindly refer to your email regarding visit of a delegation from the Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch.



We understand that you are already in touch with the Singapore Indian Association in this regard.

During their stay in Singapore the delegation members would be most welcome to visit the High Commission. We could fix a convenient time nearer the visit.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Sayantan Dasgupta

No. SIN/

24 September, 2012

Dear Mr. Dasgupta,

Kindly refer to your email s regarding visit of a delegation from the *Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch* and seeking assistance from the High Commission for organization of a small gathering of the Indian community.

We understand that you are already in touch with the Singapore Indian Association, who is agreeable to host a small reception. The visit to the memorial site could be undertaken by the delegation themselves. It is our suggestion that the visit of the delegation may be a low key one.

Yours sincerely,

Vanaja K. Thekkat  
First Secretary & Head of Chancery

During their stay in Singapore

The delegation members would be most welcome to visit the High Commission.

We could fix a convenient time nearer the time.

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No. SIN/HC/OEG-43/2012

September 20, 2012

From : Hicomind Singapore  
To: Foreign New Delhi

**JS(South) from High Commissioner**  
**Rpt: Secy(East)**

We have been approached by Mr. Sayantan Dasgupta, a Singaporean of Indian origin stating that the President (Mr. V.P. Saini) and members of an India-based organisation, **Netaji Subhash Kranti Manch**, would like to make a pilgrimage visit to Singapore from 19-23 October 2012 to commemorate the memory of the Foundation Day of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1943. He has stated that the delegation includes among others, Shri Subratta Bose, Ex-Member of Parliament and nephew of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Mr. Chandra Bose, the grandson of Netaji, and family members of Sardar Bhagat Singh and some prominent INA members. The High Commission's assistance has been sought in organizing a small get together so that the community members get an opportunity to meet up with the family members of Netaji and other freedom fighters and also get educated about the important role that Singapore played in the Indian freedom struggle.

2. You are aware of the residual sensitivities regarding the INA and the Japanese occupation of Singapore. The matter was discussed with the President of Singapore Indian Association (SIA), Ambassador K. Kesavapany. Ambassador Pany, who has also received a similar request from Mr. Sayantan Dasgupta, is of the opinion that given the sensitivity of the issue in Singapore, a low-key gathering could be hosted by the SIA and a visit to the site may be undertaken by the group on its own rather than making it a high profile event. We agree with Ambassador Kesavapany and will be dealing with this accordingly. This is for your information.

With warm regards,



(T.C.A. Raghavan)

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19<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

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To : Foreign New Delhi

Ht Secy (East)

Joint Secretary (South) from High Commissioner

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This is for your information.

(Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan)  
High Commissioner



Vanaja K Thekkat

From: Bharti S.Bhatnagar [admin@hcisingapore.org]  
Sent: Monday, 17 September, 2012 11:47 AM  
To: 'Vanaja K Thekkat'  
Subject: FW: Request for help.

May kindly see.  
Regards,  
Bharti

From: sayantan dasgupta [mailto:sayantan1974@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 4:26 PM  
To: admin@hcisingapore.org; hoc@hcisingapore.org  
Cc: Ved Prakash  
Subject: Request for help.

Hi Bharti,

It was nice talking to you, as mentioned to you over the phone, I have been approached by Mr. V.P. Saini, the President of **The Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch**, an organization based in India which is committed to the ideals of the legendry Indian Nationalist Revolutionary Hero Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. As you might be knowing that Netaji had proclaimed the foundation of the **Provisional Government of Azad Hind** on the scared soil of Singapore at the Cathay Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1943. Keeping that in mind they want to visit Singapore on a Pilgrimage trip from the 19<sup>th</sup> of October to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October'12 to commemorate the memory of the Foundation Day of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, to pay tributes to those INA soldiers who laid down their lives for the liberation of the country by visiting the INA Memorial and to salute the land from where the movement of Azad Hind started, to express gratitude to the people and the country which hosted and supported Netaji during the most crucial and decisive period of India's freedom struggle.

The delegation of the followers of Netaji will include, besides others, Sh. Subratta Bose, Ex. Member of Parliament and nephew of Netaji, Mr. Chandra Bose the grandson of Netaji and the family members of Sardar Bhagat Singh and some prominent INA members.

I wanted to request the Cultural Attaché of the Indian High Commission in Singapore to help us organise a small gathering were apart from people getting a chance to meet up with the family members of Netaji and other freedom fighters we can also educate the people of Singapore about the important role that Singapore played in the Indian Freedom Struggle.

Will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Sayantan Dasgupta

As directed by HC, I spoke to Amb. Kesavapany. He said Mr. Sayantan Dasgupta had written to him also on this. ~~reception~~ —

Amb. Pani said the visit could be a low-key one. SIA could host a <sup>small</sup> reception and they could visit the site / memorial on their own. Nothing more than this is feasible at this point of time, particularly with anti-Japanese sentiments / incidents going on in China. Submitted for instructions'   
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### Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch to organize march to commemorate foundation of Azad Hind Govt

September 13, 2012 05:42 PM

**ROPAR:** To commemorate the historical event of the proclamation of the foundation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 21st October, 1943, Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch has resolved to organize a Pilgrimage to Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand from 19th October to 3rd November, 2012.

Prof. V.P.Saini, President of Netaji Subhas Kranti Manch, organiser of the event said that this organization is committed to the ideals of the legendary revolutionary Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

At a press conference here, Prof. Saini said To salute the land from where the movement of Azad Hind started, to express gratitude to the people and the country which hosted and supported Netaji during the most crucial and decisive period of India's freedom struggle, to pay tributes to those I.N.A. soldiers who laid down their lives for the liberation of the country, the followers of Netaji from India and some other countries have decided to visit Singapore. The celebrations will include ceremonies at the venue of Cathay Hall (now a mall), I.N.A. War Memorial, religious ceremonies at religious places in accordance with the Indian culture, seminar in a school or at any other place, and a few other activities. It will help in not only reviving the memory of the great historical event but also involving and associating the local people in it.

The N.S.K.M. believes that even 69 years after the formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, the complete story of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, the role played by I.N.A. in India's independence, and the sacrifices made by the INA and the Indians in South East Asia are not fully known. There is a need for greater efforts to complete the incomplete story, and this PILGRIMAGE is a step in this direction.

The delegation is likely to comprise of, besides others, Subratna Bose (Ex.M.P.) and the nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his daughter Shreya; Chandra Bose, s/o Amiya Nath Bose, & his wife; Ashish Ray, the Bureau in Chief, CNN, London; D.N.Bose, nephew of Netaji, Prof. Jagmohan Singh, the nephew of Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh; Prabhakar Das, the nephew of Mr. A. Yellappa, the Advisor in the Government of Azad Hind, and his wife; Mrs Poomima Dhillon the daughter-in-law of Col.G.S.Dhillon (I.N.A.), Red Fort Trial Hero. The delegation led by V. P. Saini, the President of the Manch, will have more than thirty members.

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